

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 9 and 11 are amended.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiners Cherry and SPE Barlow during the June 13 and 17 telephone interviews.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

**I. Claims Satisfy All Formal Requirements**

The Office Action objects to claims 2 and 4. Claims 2 and 4 have been amended to obviate this objection.

**II. Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,682,227 to Taguchi et al. ("Taguchi"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Taguchi does not disclose manufacturing a product using a plurality of manufacturing processes and determining if at least a predetermined manufacturing process licensed by license agreement out of the plurality of manufacturing processes has been executed as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 6. In the invention of claims 1 and 6, multiple processes are used to make the same product. In Taguchi, if the copying of each page is a

different process, then Taguchi will be unable to use multiple processes to manufacture the same product. That is, in Taguchi there is only one process to manufacture each product.

### III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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